

Interpretive

Pokagon State Park

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2012

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May 29 - June 28, 2007

Programs: And Other Park Events!

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Potawatomi Inn Activities!

There are numerous activities that take place at the Potawatomi Inn.

Come take a ride on "The Lonidaw," a replica of a 1902 model electric boat built by Elco. Guests are taken on a 45-minute leisurely tour of the first and second basin of Lake James where they learn the history of the lake and Pokagon State Park. The boat launches several times daily (during the morning hours and late afternoons). Prices are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$5 for children under 12. See Inn for details.



Whether it's business or pleasure, the Potawatomi Inn has what you need...

All Programs are on Eastern Daylight Savings Time!

Programs designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages!

Catch this and all your favorite State Park Interpretive Schedules at

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Tuesday May 29 - Friday June 1

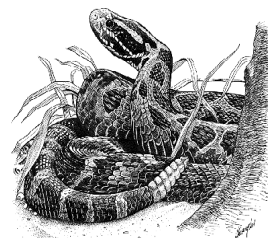
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** Come to the Nature Center to find out the requirements for becoming a Smokey's Friend (5 to 7 years old), Jr. Naturalist (8 years old and up), and Hoosier Ecologist (Jr. Naturalist Graduates). Or continue working on your special projects or identification quizzes. We meet one hour everyday to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please.

Saturday June 2

10:00am **Hell's Point Bound!** It's the highest point in the park and we'll visit it and other natural features along the way on this 1 1/2 hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. (Parking is available above the shelter if you're driving from the Inn) BB

1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. BB

3:00pm **Snakes Alive!** Come to the Nature Center Program Area for a short "show 'n' tell" type session on one of our most interesting, but often misunderstood group of animals. A good program, especially if you're uncomfortable around these reptiles. Cool family fun! DH



More Programs on the Back!

Nature Center Summer Season Hours:

10:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Daily

Interpretive Programs and other park events... cont'd

Monday June 4

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. DH
3:00pm **Enviroscopes!** Look at the world through kaleidoscopic eyes! Come to the Nature Center Program Area and build your own enviroscope with natural and recyclable materials. DF/DH

Tuesday June 5

- 10:00am **Deepwoods Walk.** Join the interpreter at the Campground Gate for an hour hike down to the main beach then up the road to campground 1. We'll search out the forest animals that make Pokagon home. We'll also pass the resident owl nest to check for baby owls! Join us! BB
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. BB
3:00pm **Wee Beasties at High Power!** "AWESOME!!!" is what you'll say, spying on little creatures and other small features of nature through microscopes, hand lenses, discovery scopes and special computer enhanced magnification. Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium. DF/DH

Wednesday June 6

- 10:30am **Homes and Habitats Hike.** Gather at the Nature Center Front Deck for a 45-minute exploration of the many Pokagon animals and the homes and habitats in which they live. Good family program! DF
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. FW
3:00pm **Geocaching Jaunt.** It's the scavenger hunt with the techno twist! Learn how to use a GPS unit and find your own secret treasure! Meet at the Nature Center Front Deck for this one hour hike! BB

Thursday June 7

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. BB
3:00pm **Campfire Cooking.** Looking for a way to expand your camping meals beyond burnt hotdogs?!... Stop by the Nature Center Front Lawn for campfire cooking tips, demonstrations, recipes, and maybe a taste! DF
9:00pm **Common Senses... A Night Hike!** Join the naturalists for an adventure into the darkness! Meet at the Campground Amphitheater, from where we'll walk into the growing darkness to investigate how Pokagon's animals (and ours!) use their senses. BB/DF

Friday June 8

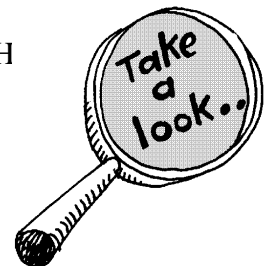
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3:00pm **The Incredible Journey!** Have you ever imagined the life of a droplet of water? Join the interpreter at the Spring Shelter for a fun activity where YOU get to be the water. Afterwards, create your own unique bracelet to record your "incredible journey!" (Parking is available above the shelter if you're driving from the Inn) DH/DF

Saturday June 9

- 10:00am **Trail Two Trek.** Join us at the Spring Shelter for an hour and a half trek taking us up to Snow Lake at the north border of the park and back. (Parking available above the Spring Shelter if you're driving from the Inn) DH
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. BB
3:00pm **The Bird Behavior Scavenger Hunt!** Gather at the Nature Center for a fun scavenger hunt with a birdy twist. Join us for some family fun! DF
8:00pm **We're Lichen Hikin'!** Join us at the Campground Gate for an evening stroll looking at the amazing(!) world of lichen and mosses! Don't worry, it's cooler than you think! DF

Sunday June 10

- 7:30am **Early Morning Meander.** See 7:30am, Sunday, June 3, for details. BB
9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
10:30am **Critter Feeding Time.** This morning, our resident turtles, frogs, and snakes will be getting their bi-weekly meal. Stop on by the Nature Center Auditorium for an informal hour of amazement! Watch them eat, or maybe feed them yourselves! DF
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. FW



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Monday June 11

- 10:00am **A Scratch & Sniff Saunter!** Bring your nose and hiking boots and join the Interpreter at the Spring Shelter for an hour walk looking at the plants, and animals, that trigger our olfactory senses. BB
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. BB



Tuesday June 12

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. BB
- 3:00pm **Bee-lieve it or Not!** The fascinating, sometimes unbelievable world of the honeybee. Swarm to the Nature Center Program Area for a short program on this interesting and most beneficial insect! DH

Wednesday June 13

- 10:00am **Wetland Stroll.** Gather at the Inn Lobby by the front desk. We'll then take off on a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve and investigate the wetlands surrounding Lake Lonidaw and those around the two bridges of Trail 3. We'll be back within an hour. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Tuesday, May 29, for details. BB

Thursday June 14

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** Come to the Nature Center to find out the requirements for becoming a Smokey's Friend (5 to 7 years old), Jr. Naturalist (8 years old and up), and Hoosier Ecologist (Jr. Naturalist Graduates). Or continue working on your special projects or identification quizzes. We meet one hour everyday to get you started or help you as you are working along. No groups please. DH
- 3:00pm **Turtle Time!** Join us for a close up look of our common and not so common Pokagon turtles. We'll have a chance to handle some and watch 'em crawl. Meet on the Nature Center Front Lawn! DH



Friday June 15

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH
- 8:30pm **Sunset Stroll.** Gather at the Campers' Store Parking Lot Bulletin Board for an evening walk to wind up the day. We'll head down to the beach and walk Trail 5 along the lake and then pick up the group camp road back to the Campers' Store. Hopefully the night will be clear for a sunsational view! DH

Saturday June 16

- 10:30am **To The Inn and Back.** Gather at the Nature Center for a 1-1/2 hour general discovery hike. We'll do Trail 1, to the Inn, by the lake, and back along the toboggan track. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH
- 3:00pm **The Evil Green Menace!** Meet the naturalist in the Nature Center Auditorium for a interesting look at one evil bug and the threat it poses to our woods. Afterwards we'll gather outside for some evil green games, courtesy some big green balloons! Great family fun! DH

Sunday June 17

- 8:30am **Happy Dad Day Walk.** Nothing beats an early morning for fresh air walk with Dad. Join us out on the Inn Sun Deck for our weekly 1-1/2 hour discovery hike.. an hour later than normal! Bring binoculars, if you have some, or borrow a pair of ours, to spot the early birds and any other animals out and about. Don't miss it! DH
- 9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH



Monday June 18

- 10:00am **Wetland Stroll.** Gather at the Inn Lobby by the front desk. We'll then take off on a short walk down into the Potawatomi Nature Preserve and investigate the wetlands surrounding Lake Lonidaw and those around the two bridges of Trail 3. We'll be back within an hour. DH
- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH

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Tuesday June 19

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. FW
3:00pm **A Pine Forest Pathway.** Take a refreshing break by hiking up into one of our dark green pine groves and searching for the life that occurs there. Join us at the Inn Main Entrance. We'll be out for a little over an hour. FW

Wednesday June 20

Interpreter In-service Today. Nature Center Open Today 10am- 5pm.

Sorry No Public Programs

Thursday June 21

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH
3:00pm **Honey, I Shrunk the Nature Hike!** Gather at the Nature Center Program Area where YOU get to be the naturalist and design a hike on a very small scale! Will we get eaten by spiders or saved by an army of ants! Great family fun! DH
9:00pm **The Twilight Zone!** Join the interpreter for a special hike at a special time of day! Meet at the Campground Gate for an hour stroll into the growing darkness. We'll explore the changes occurring as daylight critters give way to the animals of the night. Join us! FW



Friday June 22

- 10:30am **Down the Woodland Trail.** Gather out on the Nature Center Front Lawn from where we'll take off on a nice easy-does-it stroll into the nearby woodlands. We'll be out about an hour enjoying the cool habitat of the forest and searching for the life that occurs there. FW
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. FW

Saturday June 23

- 10:00am **Bluebird Hills Hiking!** We'll meet at the Spring Shelter, and hike towards Hell's Point, then branch off on to Trail 7 and circle around in our Bluebird Hills area. Total distance is about 3 miles. Parking available above the shelter if you are driving from the Inn. DH
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. FW
Insect Safari! Join the Interpreter for a safari of the small kind! Meet at the Nature Center Program Area. DH

Sunday June 24

- 7:30am **Early Summer Meander.** See 8:30am, Sunday, June 17, for details. Note earlier time. FW
9:45am **Informal Church Service at the Campground Amphitheater.**
10:30am **Lake Looking.** Swim suits or shorts are the dress of the day as we meet at the Potawatomi Inn Beach for an aquatic investigation of Lake James. We'll be searching for the variety of life occurring along the shore and beneath the water's surface. DH
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH

Monday June 25

- 10:00am **Hell's Point Bound!** It's the highest point in the park and we'll visit it and other natural features along the way on this 1 ½ hour hike. Meet the Interpreter at the historic Spring Shelter. (Parking is available above the shelter if you're driving from the Inn) DH
1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH

Tuesday June 26

- 1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH
3:00pm **Raptor Rap.** No, this is not some new kind of rap music, but rather an interesting discussion on this fascinating group of birds - the birds of prey. It will be a "show 'n' tell" type session using mounts and study skins. Meet in the Nature Center Auditorium. HM

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Wednesday June 27

1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. FW

7:00pm **An Evening with the Fort Wayne Philharmonic- Free Holiday Pops Concert**
Bring a blanket or lawn chairs for seating and come early for a good seat at the Potawatomi Inn Beach Lawn for this special annual concert. If you are staying in the campgrounds, you might consider walking as parking at or near the Inn will be congested. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held indoors at the Angola High School..

Thursday June 28

1:30pm **Park Patch Program Hour.** See Thursday, June 14, for details. DH

3:00pm **Insect Safari!** Fly, swoop, or crawl over to the Nature Center Program Area for a special safari into our fields and forests. We'll be investigating the life of grasshoppers, crickets, butterflies, and beetles with the help of some magnifying glasses and nets. Join us! DH

Firewood Alert!

Help protect us from Emerald Ash Borers by not moving firewood!

